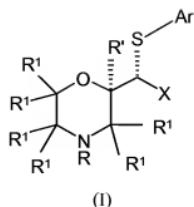


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I)



wherein

R is H;

Ar is an aromatic group selected from unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, O(C₁-C₄ alkyl), S(C₁-C₄ alkyl), halo, and phenyl optionally substituted with halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl or O(C₁-C₄ alkyl);

X is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, O(C₁-C₄ alkyl), and halo;

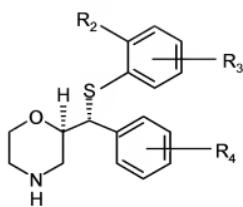
R' is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

each R¹ is independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

wherein each above-mentioned C₁-C₄ alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1, represented by formula II:



in which R₂ and R₃ are each independently selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, O(C₁-C₄ alkyl), S(C₁-C₄ alkyl), halo, and phenyl; and

R₄ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, O(C₁-C₄ alkyl) and halo;

wherein each above-mentioned C₁-C₄ alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 2, wherein R₂ is selected from C₁-C₂ alkyl, O(C₁-C₂ alkyl), S(C₁-C₂ alkyl), Cl and F wherein each above-mentioned C₁-C₂ alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms.

4. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, wherein R₃ is selected from H, Me and Cl.

5. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 4, wherein R₄ is selected from H, C₁-C₂ alkyl, O(C₁-C₂ alkyl), Cl and F wherein each above-mentioned C₁-C₂ alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms.

6-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 or 2 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier.

16. (New) A method for treating persistent pain, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in Claim 1.